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THE JIM CROW CAR

The Reflection is Upon the White Man and it Will Prove to His Inconvenience.

Verden, Okla., Jan. 1.—Editor State Capital. I have been wondering since I read the above title in your paper, if the makers of the jim crow law know what it means? If they do they have cast a reflection on themselves as a body. Now I cannot see wherein the general public is in more danger by permitting the N g o s to ride in the same car than it is in allowing them to work in the kitchen, nurse the white children and teach them to use the Negro dialect as some of our law-makers now do.

No sir, you will find out that it is not riding in the car with the Negro that these fellows object to so much, but they will show the cloven foot later and will try to disfranchise the Negro and try to prevent him from accumulating any property so as to keep him poor and dependent so they can use him at their will. When the Negro will not submit to their dictates they will shoot him down or incite mobs.

How are Negro women to be kept pure when a lot of vile, filthy men are permitted to say and do as they please with them? The poor Negroes know they dare not bring any accusations against the wrongdoers because they must keep their places. In the minds of many, a Negro must suffer any kind of abuse that his enemy wishes to inflict upon him.

An emergency law should be passed by both houses and signed by our governor to protect the Negro from the insults of the white man, and from mob violence. No sir, God has said,

"vengeance is mine, and I will repay, and touch not mine anointed." God will hear the cry of the black man and as surely as he has delivered Israel from Egypt so will he deliver them.

The good Negro is worthy of our help and encouragement. Help him to become a good American citizen, free to all the rights and privileges that the flag of our country offers to any people.

Yours for the best good of our new state.—Minister of the gospel (white). EX.

At Guthrie.

On the eighth inst we visited the capital city on business and while there took a peep at the building in which our laws are being enacted.

The same old prejudice against the Negro can be seen as it was exhibited during the making of the con. con. The label "for whites" can be seen almost everywhere.

The Republican members of the legislature are just there drawing pay—nothing more.

We called on Governor Haskell and received a cordial welcome and courteous treatment. Mr Haskell is in fact GOVERNOR. In this case there is no power behind the throne. The power is on the throne.

While the Governor is in favor of separate coaches etc., he said that he was absolutely in favor of equal and like accommodations. Being unable to agree with the Governor on

the Jim Crow business, still it is impossible to forget that a great many Republicans and some of the members of the legislature were in favor of and voted for the jim crow measure. When members of the Republican party openly favor such discriminations what can we expect of the representatives of the party we have always fought?

The state committee appeared to be afraid of the Negroes' presence at the state meeting as they promptly went into executive session when the Negro contingent arrived. (Some of the Negroes were members of the so called Advisory committee.)

After all it easily may be seen that the Negro has a great deal of opposition even in his own party and must fight it as well as the opposite party.

There should be one Negro delegate from each congressional district and one from the state at large. What say you brethren?

In spite of jim crowism and threats of disfranchisement the Negroes are coming to Oklahoma, buying and renting land. This is the right kind of spirit. Come on and help to make Oklahoma the best state in the Union.

The Constitutional League of Oklahoma can be made a power for good in this state if our people will organize in each county and furnish the funds necessary to carry on the work. The people on the east side will take a hand and do their duty.

The article that appeared in the Democrat Thursday evening advising the Negroes to use the \$500 which was raised to fight old jim crow for a church festival, was inspired by a worthless Negro who has no race pride and by one who feared that some Negro attorney might get a fee.

Don't Understand Jim Crow

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 8, 1908, Mr. Editor, dear sir: I am a Creek Freedman and I don't understand this jim crow law. I want to ask if the stores we Creek Freedmen have been trading with will have a jim crow department and shut us off in dark corners and if so what is our remedy.

Please answer.

A Creek Freedman.

Well Mr. Freedman all we can say is we must judge the tree by its fruit. Read the news papers published by Colored men and you may be sure that the merchants who advertise therein will treat you right and are not running jim crow stores. —Ed.

If our people would do less talking and raise more money the bringing of a suit at the proper time would be assured. The loud-mouthed blatant demagogue who is always objecting is of no use and will not give up a cent.

BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE

By C. T. Hume, Secretary of the Afro-American Investment Company.

40 acres near Taft \$1000. 40 acres of improved land, fenced, good house near Tullahassee \$1000. 480 acres of unimproved land for lease on reasonable terms (one body of land). 320 acres in one body near Boley for lease. Lots in Lincoln Addition to Muskogee for \$50. House and lot in Muskogee for \$450. 160 acres near Wagner for lease. Numerous other bargains.

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